

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 573**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1476**

**By Tate, Marrero, Lowe Finney**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1532**

**By Lois DeBerry, Jim Cobb, Hardaway, Brown, Sontany, Pitts, Coleman,  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 63; Title 68  
and Title 71, relative to senior citizens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 2, Part 4, is  
amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 71-2-\_\_\_. (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall designate up to five (5) publicly or privately supported adult day care centers or senior centers within the state as model programs worthy of emulation with respect to one (1) or more of the following activities:

- (1) Comprehensive health education programs;
- (2) Nutrition assessment and screening;
- (3) Nutrition counseling; or
- (4) Health or nutrition referral services.

(b) The selected model programs shall be programs that are designed to enhance the dignity and wellness of senior citizens and to encourage the independence and involvement of senior citizens in the community. The selected model programs must also be designed to achieve a tangible impact in areas that are traditionally socially and economically underserved.

(c) Prior to designating the model programs, nominations shall be solicited from across the state. In selecting such model programs, due consideration shall be given to the level of community acceptance and support for such programs and to the techniques by which such acceptance and support have been achieved.

(d) Subject to the availability of funding for such purposes as contained within the fiscal year 2007-08 budget of the Department of Finance and Administration, state grants shall be awarded to the model

programs selected pursuant to the provisions of this section. The dollar amount of each such grant so awarded shall be determined by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration. Payment of any such grant to any such model program shall be conditional upon the willingness of the chief administrative officer of the program to provide informational and consultative assistance to those agencies of state or local government which may desire to emulate, in whole or in part, such model program. Any such grant so received by a publicly supported agency shall be in addition to all other public funds which may be otherwise appropriated to such agency and it is not intended to supplant any other funding resource. Any funds not paid to a model program by June 30, 2008, shall revert to the general fund.

(e) The state official designated in subsection (a) shall undertake appropriate activities to publicize their activities in implementing the provisions of this section and to publicize the activities and achievements of the model programs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 12, 2007**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 27th day of June 2007**



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR